

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims of this application provide compliance with the allowable claim set as suggested by Supervisory Patent Examiner Amy Nelson on November 7, 2003.

Applicant respectfully submits as shown in the amendments to the claims, these corrections are needed for proper disclosure and protection of the invention and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks.

In addition, Applicant submits the issue fee is being paid separately on the following business day.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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